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Peruvians Link Peace Corps to Spying

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LIMA, Peru, Nov. 15—Government-controlled newspapers here have linked the expulsion of the Peace Corps from Peru to sentiment against the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

The Peruvian military Government last week asked the United States Ambassador, Robert W. Dean, to send home the 137 Peace Corps members here. United States State Department sources in Washington disclosed yesterday.

In its note to the Ambassador, the Peruvian Foreign Ministry indicated that the Peace Corps volunteers were no longer necessary because they could be replaced by Peruvian personnel. The corps, which has been in the country since 1962 and operates here on an annual budget of \$800,000, was reportedly given 90 days to end its operations.

Peruvian newspapers, which were expropriated by the Government last July, charged today that the Peace Corps was engaged in political-intelligence activities aimed at undermining the revolution proclaimed by the Peruvian military regime when it took power six years ago.

Under the headline "Peace Corps Go Home," the newspaper Correo asserted that thousands of young Americans have invaded poor and rural communities in recent years to "collect valuable information on the cultural and political attitudes of the masses."

The newspaper said the Peace Corps' role was also to present "a good image" of the United States that would counter charges of "American imperialism."

According to Correo, the Peruvian Government's battle against political and economic influence from abroad had to be accompanied by measures to neutralize "the various subtle

forms of ideological penetration."

Correo suggested that the expulsion of the Peace Corps should be followed by an investigation of missionary groups, foundations and "other organizations whose work in Peru is highly suspicious."

Peace Corps officials have denied any links with United States intelligence agencies or political activities. Both the Peace Corps and the American Embassy have declined to comment on the expulsion order until the Peruvian Government makes a public announcement.

According to a Peace Corps spokesman, the group is engaged here mainly in work in rural areas, including reforestation, irrigation, teaching of farm techniques and education. La Crónica, the newspaper most closely linked to the Government, published an article today on the Peace Corps under the headline, "The revolution will not be destabilized."

This was a reference to disclosures last September that the C.I.A. had been authorized to spend \$8 million to promote the "destabilization" of the Marxist Government in Chile before last year's military coup there.

In Peru, the revelations of C.I.A. activities in Chile have led to a widespread campaign against the agency in newspapers and in the government.

President Juan Velasco Alvarado denounced alleged foreign intelligence activities here in a speech commemorating the sixth anniversary of the military government last month.

Earlier this week, the President said that shortly after he came to power, he ordered the expulsion of U.S. Embassy officials who he said were C.I.A. agents. General Velasco identified the officials as Ernest Stracusa and Frank Ortiz. The State Department has denied that either official was a C.I.A. agent.

The expulsion of the Peace Corps may have been hinted at in September during a heavily publicized conference here of a Government-controlled peasant group.

The group asserted that the Peace Corps and other foreign agencies were "financed by imperialism" and were "sowing confusion among the peasantry and trying to undermine the prestige of peasant leaders committed to the revolution."